

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (new): An insert terminal containing case comprising:
a bottom wall, four side walls, and an opening at an upper portion of the case;
a terminal made of a metal plate vertically fixed to at least one of the four side walls; and
a groove vertically disposed at an outer side surface of the side wall fixing the terminal, the groove extending downward, wherein an outer side surface of the terminal is partially exposed at the groove; wherein
an inner side surface of the terminal, opposite the outer side surface of the terminal exposed at the groove, is partially exposed at an inner side surface of the side wall.

Claim 9 (new): The insert terminal containing case according to claim 8, further comprising a cutout arranged to expose the outer side surface of the terminal in the vicinity of a bottom of the outer side surface of the side wall, an area of the terminal exposed at the cutout being greater than an area of the terminal exposed at the groove, wherein a lower end of the groove is extended to the cutout.

Claim 10 (new): The insert terminal containing case according to claim 8, wherein an upper end of the groove is terminated at a position lower than a position of an upper end of the terminal.

Claim 11 (new): The insert terminal containing case according to claim 8, wherein the terminal is L-shaped, and a vertical portion of the L-shaped terminal includes the outer side surface and the inner side surface of the terminal.

Claim 12 (new): A piezoelectric electroacoustic transducer comprising the case according to claim 8, a piezoelectric diaphragm having at least two electrodes, and a cover fixed to the opening at the upper portion of the case, wherein two of said four side walls that are disposed opposite each other each include a terminal, and the inner side surface of each terminal exposed at the inner side surface of the corresponding side wall is electrically connected to one of the at least two electrodes of the piezoelectric diaphragm.

Claim 13 (new): A process for producing an insert terminal containing case comprising the steps of:

preparing an upper die having a projection for forming an inner surface of a case and a lower die having a depression for forming an external surface of the case;

disposing a base plate portion of an L-shaped terminal on a bottom surface of the depression of the lower die, the terminal being made of a metal;

clamping the upper and lower dies such that a connecting portion of the terminal is held between an outer side surface of the projection of the upper die and an inner side surface of the depression of the lower die;

injecting a resin into a cavity provided between the projection of the upper die and the depression of the lower die, and then curing the resin; and

separating the upper and lower dies after curing the resin so as to remove the case.

Claim 14 (new): The process for producing the insert terminal containing case according to claim 13, further comprising the steps of:

providing a protruding portion on the inner side surface of the depression of the lower die, an upper end of the protruding portion being disposed at a position lower than a position of an upper end of the connecting portion of the terminal, and a lower end of the protruding portion extending to the bottom surface of the depression; and

holding, in the clamping step, the connecting portion of the terminal between the inner side surface of the protruding portion and the outer side surface of the projection of the upper die.

Claim 15 (new): The process for producing the insert terminal containing case according to claim 13, further comprising the steps of:

providing an arm portion on the connecting portion of the terminal, the arm portion extending outward from both sides of the connecting portion; and

holding, in the clamping step, both front and back surfaces of the arm portion between the outer side surface of the projection of the upper die and the inner side surface of the depression of the lower die.

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Claim 16 (new): The process for producing the insert terminal containing case according to claim 13, further comprising the step of forming the projection of the upper die with a tapered portion so as to provide at least a partially tapered inner surface of the case.